



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held October 14, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky:

“Beginning on October 12, 2008, several fires started within the County of Los Angeles which resulted in the loss of life and property, mandatory evacuations, and the closure of major transportation routes. The disaster site remains unsafe, unusable, and has had a negative impact on businesses and individuals. Economic assistance is necessary for those businesses and individuals who may not be able to recover from this disaster. These conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

“This disaster will require an assessment of the impacted sites to ensure the safety of all recovery efforts, law enforcement, and other personnel as reentry and reconstruction occurs. Once the cause(s) of these fires have been identified, mitigation measures must be made to avoid a reoccurrence of such an event in the future.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5, that an emergency situation exists as specified in subdivision (a);
2. Ratified the attached proclamation of a local emergency made on October 13, 2008, for the fires in Los Angeles County beginning on October 12, 2008. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;

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3. Approved and instructed the Chair to take the following actions:
 - Sign the attached proclamation of a local emergency for Los Angeles County;
 - Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Los Angeles County; and
 - Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and
4. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to provide biweekly status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Administrator,
Office of Emergency Management

**PROCLAMATION RATIFYING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer found that beginning October 12, 2008, and continuing since that date conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of the fires in Los Angeles County which are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses in the impacted areas are economically disadvantaged to the degree that they may not be able to recover from this disaster without economic assistance, and the County and impacted cities require additional economic support to help with that recovery process; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer found that on October 13, 2008, these conditions necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the Los Angeles County; and

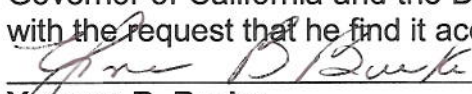
WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer, on October 13, 2008, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency throughout Los Angeles County due to the aforementioned fires; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles acknowledges conditions of extreme peril existing within Los Angeles County due to the fires; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing conditions warrant and necessitate that the Board of Supervisors ratify the existence of the local emergency previously proclaimed by the Chief Executive Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors does ratify the Chief Executive Officer's proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the County of Los Angeles, and that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California and the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that he find it acceptable in accordance with State law.


Yvonne B. Burke
Chair, Board of Supervisors

10-20-08
Date

The foregoing proclamation was adopted on the 14th day of October, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the ex officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer and
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By 

Deputy



10-21-08
Date